


# Memorandum



**Date:** February 1, 2013

**To:** Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** Carlos A. Gimenez  
Mayor 

**Subject:** Mayoral Appointment  
Director – Miami-Dade Police Department

CLERK OF THE BOARD  
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JENNIFER A. GONZALEZ  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FL  
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Pursuant to the authority vested in me under the provisions of Section 2.02-C of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter, I hereby appoint J.D. Patterson, Jr. to the position of Director – Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD).

J.D. Patterson has been a law enforcement officer for 30 years, and has served the Miami-Dade Police Department continuously since 1985. Since November 2012, he has served as Acting Director. During his career at MDPD, he has risen through the ranks and in 2004 was appointed Assistant Director of Support Services, where his responsibilities included developing the budget for the eighth largest law enforcement agency in the southeastern United States. Throughout his career, Director Patterson has served communities throughout Miami-Dade County, including Northside, Kendall, Miami-Lakes, Doral, and Carol City. Prior to becoming a law enforcement officer, he spent four years in the military service achieving the rank of Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force.

A lifelong Miamian, born at Jackson Memorial Hospital and raised in Brownsville, Director Patterson holds an Associate's Degree from Miami-Dade Community College; a Bachelor's Degree from Barry University; and a Master's Degree from the University of Miami. He also attended the F.B.I. National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Director Patterson's resume is attached for your information.

## Attachment

c: Honorable Harvey Ruvin, Clerk of the Courts  
R. A. Cuevas, Jr., County Attorney  
Office of the Mayor Senior Staff  
Department Directors

# **J.D. Patterson Jr.**

*Miami Dade Police Department  
9105 NW 25 Street, Doral Florida 33172*

## **Current Objective:**

*To lead, manage and command the eighth largest Law Enforcement agency in the Southeastern United States and State of Florida. Plan, develop and implement a succession course to ensure a fertile environment for future law enforcement leaders with the required education, skill, ethics, practical competencies and experiences. This will include purposely increasing staff levels of responsibility, achievement and challenge to maintain the Miami-Dade Police Department's reputation of producing national leaders in the law enforcement profession.*

## **Education:**

1998 - Masters Degree - University of Miami

***Public Administration***

1995 - Bachelors Degree - Barry University

***Human Resource Management***

1986 - Associates Degree - Miami Dade Community College

***Criminal Justice***

1978 - High School Diploma - Miami Jackson Senior High

## **External Programs Attended/Certificates:**

University of Miami EXCEL I & II

Certificate in Theology – Interdenominational Theological Center

Atlanta, Georgia (2003)

FBI National Academy – 203<sup>rd</sup> Session – Quantico, Virginia  
(2000)

**Membership in Professional Organizations:**

Police Benevolent Association  
 Progressive Officers Club - Past President  
 National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives  
 Dade Chiefs of Police Association

**Employment History:**

*Currently Serving as the Acting Director since November 2012*

**Investigative Services**

*Coordinate and manage the specialized investigation bureaus to include Homicide, Robbery, Special Victims, Sheriff Services, Forensics, and Economic Crimes composed of 972 staff members.*

*February 2012 – July 2004*

**Support Services**

**Promoted to Assistant Director July 2004**

*Coordinate the operations of 1008 staff members to include the Administration and Technology Division, Centralized Services Division and the Chief Financial Officer activity. Manages the Department's Agenda*

*July 2004 – May 2003*

**Information and Technology Division**

*Coordinate the operations of the Personnel Management Bureau, Communications Bureau, Systems Development Bureau and the Information Support Systems Bureau*

*April 2002 – May 2003*

**North Operations Division**

**Promoted to Division Chief April 2002**

*Coordinate the operation of Intracoastal, Miami Lakes, Carol City and Northside District Commanders*

*November 1999 – April 2002*

*District Commander*

**Northside District**

*Provided high quality police services, investigations and community oriented policing with command of 200 sworn staff members and 25 civilians to a diverse community with historically the highest crime rates in Miami Dade County.*

*April 1999 – November 1999*

Police Operations Bureau Commander

**Promoted to Major April 1999**

*Provided contracted services to the Port of Miami, Jackson Public Health Trust, Fisher Island, Miami-Dade Transit and the Rickenbacker Causeway*

March 1998 – April 1999

Sexual Crimes Bureau

**Afternoon Shift Lieutenant**

*Supervised complex investigations with a shift of 14 detectives that handled over 300 cases with an extremely high clearance and conviction rate*

March 1998 - May 1996

Carol City District

**Neighborhood Policing Unit Commander**

*Coordinated and supervised Miami Dade Police Department's COPS Ahead grant deploying 62 sworn staff members involved in the Community Oriented Policing full-time*

May 1996 - May 1995

Public Housing Police Bureau

**North Operations Lieutenant**

*Responsible for north operations in Public Housing complexes deploying two squads of six officers throughout various locations*

May 1995 - September 1993

**Promoted to Lieutenant**

Miami Lakes District - Uniformed Platoon Commander

*Coordinated the efforts of four sergeants and squads to deliver uniformed patrol in response to calls for service on the midnight shift*

September 1993 - July 1992

Professional Compliance Bureau

**Internal Affairs Investigator**

*Conducted investigations into citizen complaints against departmental personnel at all levels*

July 1992 - April 1990

**Promoted to Sergeant**

Northside District

General Investigations

Field Training Sergeant

Uniformed Patrol

December 1989 - April 1990

**Promoted to Corporal**

Doral District - Uniformed Patrol

December 1989 - April 1984

**Officer/Detective/Reserve Officer**

Northside District

GIU Auto Theft

Scott/Brownsville Team Police Unit

Uniformed Patrol

Reserve Officer (Nov 1984-Nov 1985)

April 1984 - June 1983

Kendall District

Uniformed Patrol

June 1983 - February 1983

**B.L.E. 84**

Southeast Florida Institute of Criminal Justice

Miami Dade Community College

Military Service

**Staff Sergeant** - U.S. Air Force

Telecommunications Specialist

Honorable Discharge

August 1978 - August 1982

**Interests:** Reading, Fishing, Licensed Minister and Jogging when time permits

**Strengths:** Excellent people skills, dependable and good public speaker, Overcomer